gaseous pollutants which may cause air pollution problems in the area.

(b) The Pharmaceutical units including Anti-TB drug manufacturing units are required to provide the necessary pollution control facilities.

(c) The units are being regularly monitored by the concerned State Pollution Control Boards to ensure that they comply with prescribed standards. Action is taken against defaulting units including their closure.

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan

195. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to prepare an integrated coastal zone management plan for some selected coastal stretches;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sought World Bank assistance for the purpose;

(d) if so, the amount obtained from the World Bank; and

(e) the steps taken to minimize environmental damage, loss of life and property due to natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan preparation is proposed to be carried out in three stages as follows:

(i) Mapping of Coastal Cells of the entire coasts of India.

(ii) Preparation of Shore Line Management Plants for four risk zones identified in Stage (i).

(iii) Preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for the four identified risk zones.

(c) and (d) A proposal for preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans on the above lines has been sent to the World

Bank for assistance to the tune of US $ 2.8 million under the ongoing Environmental Management Capacity Building Project.

(e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests provides assistance to coastal States and Union Territories for mangrove plantations, to enrich existing mangrove areas and for coastal shelter belt plantations, in order to minimise environmental damage and loss of life and property due to natural calamities.

Disposal of used lead acid Batteries

196. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to control disposal of used lead acid batteries;

(b) whether a law to curb disposal of used lead acid batteries is on anvil;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) how compliance of disposal orders of the batteries by the manufacturers and dealers would be monitored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is in the process of finalising a preliminary notification calling for objections/suggestions on the Management and Handling of Used Lead Acid Batteries in the country. As per the proposed preliminary notification all manufacturers, importers, re-conditioners, assemblers and dealers shall collect used batteries back for new batteries sold. Cent per cent collection is proposed to be achieved in a phased manner. To ensure environment friendly re-processing, collected batteries are required to be sold to only such re-cyclers who are registered with the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Consumers are required to return used batteries only to the authorised agents.